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Carter Administration Documents to be Displayed at National Archives

Public Vaults Exhibit Allows Visitors New Access to Historic Documents

Atlanta, GA. – Documents, letters and photographs from President Jimmy Carter’s Administration are among the historic records to be displayed as part of the National Archives’ new *Public Vaults* exhibit. The exhibit opens November 12th at the National Archives in Washington, DC.

The *Public Vaults* exhibit enables visitors to go beyond the displays of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence and view some of the wealth of historic records and materials kept by the National Archives. It is a journey into the working Archives which, up to now, has been only available to historians and researchers. Visitors will see the stacks and vaults where records of all three branches of the Federal Government are kept.

The exhibit features original documents, audio and video displays, and interactive computers. Among the materials in the exhibit are a number provided by the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library. They include President Carter’s televised Fireside Chat on energy; the President’s statement on the failed rescue of the American hostages in Iran; a letter from John Wayne regarding the Panama Canal; the Mideast Peace Agreement signing; and a letter from President Carter to Ayatollah Khomeini about the release of the hostages. Other Carter-released items include a memo from Jack Watson regarding Love Canal; the “Framework for a settlement in the Sinai”; and the Salt II signing.

The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library is the repository for more than 27 million pages of material from the Carter Administration. In addition, the Library houses more than 600,000 photographs, 2,500 hours of audio tapes and 1,250 hours of video tapes.

While the materials in the vaults and stacks at the Carter Library are available to historians and researchers, the public has the opportunity to view many historic photographs, documents, artifacts and state gifts in the Carter Presidential Museum. The museum traces the life and career of the 39th President of the United States and includes the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Carter in 2002. An exact replica of the Oval Office during the Carter Presidency gives visitors a glimpse inside the West Wing of the White House.

Visitors of the Carter Presidential Museum also have the opportunity to see a moving exhibit on the world’s response to the September 11, 2001 attacks. The exhibit, “*After 9/11: Messages from the World and Images of Ground Zero*,” will be on display through January 2, 2005.

The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum is the only Presidential Library in the Southeast. It is open Monday thru Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. and from noon until 4:45 p.m. on Sunday.